

REMARKS

In this reply, Claims 7-10, 17-20, and 27-30 are canceled.

The Applicants elect without traverse Claims 1-6, 11-16, and 21-26 of Group I for examination. The non-elected claims are canceled.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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